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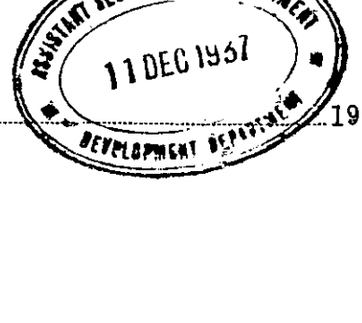

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A-6-No. 4611/37

Station Madras, *Dated the* 9th December 1937 19

From (Name) T.G. Rutherford Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
(Designation) Commissioner of Labour, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
DEVELOPMENT Department.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Ref:- Letter dated 25-11-1937 from the Secretary, Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary.

I enclose in original the letter referred to above. The Secretary of the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary makes the following requests:-

(1) Removal of restriction of boarding grants to students studying in Standard IV and above.

(2) Refund of the excess grant of Rs.22/- paid to the hostel in 1936-37.

(3) Refund of the sum of Rs.92/- deducted from the grant for 1935-36.

(4) Transfer of the hostel to Government control.

(5) Increase of the grant to the hostel to Rs.1,200/ for 20 girls at Rs.5/- per girl per mensem for 12 months.

2. The requests in items (1), (2) and (5) have since been disposed of by Government in their order No.Ms. 2668, Development Department, dated 2-12-1937. The sum of Rs.92/- referred to in item (3) represents the excess grant paid to the hostel for 1935-36 and was recovered in accordance with the conditions laid down in G.Os. No. 776 L.Ms., Public Works and Labour Department, dated 28-3-1934 and No. Ms. 2442 L., Public Works and Labour Dept., dated 13-11-1935. I do not recommend the transfer of the hostel for management and control by Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Commissioner of Labour.

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Copy to the Collector of Bellary, Bellary.

From

The Secretary, Panchama Girls' Hostel,

Bellary.

To

The Government of Madras,
(Labour Department) Madras.

Through

The Commissioner of Labour, Chepauk, Madras
and
The District Labour Officer, Bellary.

Sir,

With reference to A-6-No.4611/37 dated 21-10-1937 from your office the Secretary requests the Government as follows:-

1. By the above communication the Secretary was intimated that the principle, that for purposes of Government grant only pupils studying in classes above III class should be maintained in the hostels, would be enforced from the year 1938.

2. The introduction of this principle will virtually abolish all Government grants to Harijan Girls' hostels thus forcing them to be closed.

3. The above hostel was started in July 1931.This infant institution was nurtured by the sympathetic attitude of Mr.Stuart,I.C.S who was the Collector of Bellary in 1934 and recommended a grant of Rs.400/-. This institution was further brought up by the generous and sympathetic attitude of Mr.Rutherford,I.C.S., the present Commissioner for Labour and Rural Uplift, who was pleased on a personal surprise visit to the institution to increase the grant to Rs.600/- per year. This new principle will give a deadly blow to this hostel for unfortunate Harijan girls which has received the sympathy of two eminent persons in the Civil Service.

4. There are only very few Harijan Girls' Hostels in the whole presidency. In our country Girls' education itself is backward.- The Education of Harijan Girls is still only an idea to be made fun of. The future of educated Harijan Girls' is merged in obscurity . The value of education apart from its economic

dvantages is a thing unknown even to higher classes. Such being the case the parents of the Panchama Girls' cannot be expected to educate their girls at their own cost upto 3rd class. The girls of the school going age are a great economic help to their parents. From the 6th year to 12th year the girls will be used for looking after infants and younger children in the house when the parents are required to work outside for Bellary. Some times these very tender girls are required to earn a --- pittance by their own labour or to collect fire wood or cow dung etc., - etc., The parents cannot afford to save them from the domestic routine - for school education and feed and clothe them upto IIIrd class.

Secondly the practice of giving the girls of 12 years and upwards in marriage for some money consideration is also prevailing in the Harijan - community very much.

Thirdly there are no proper facilities in the villages for Harijan girls to study. Whatever may be the rules of the Education department -- for admission and treatment of Harijan students still in practice there is difficulty for admission and the treatment given is always differential and insulting. That is the experience of the Organisers of the -- hostel in Bellary Town. This is much more so in villages. In this state of affairs it is impossible to get girls reading in IVth class and above from the villages to our hostel. Even without this restriction, the --- Organisers have to meet enormous difficulties in keeping the number of girls steady and continuity in their education.

5. In this connection the Government may call for the statistics of the Harijan girls reading in 4th class, of the whole presidency especially - girls of the rural areas and see how this new principle is going to cut - at the very root of the Harijan girls' education.

6. The Secretary has submitted an application personally to the .--- Minister for Labour on 20-10-'37. It deals with a number of other matters connected with the institution. The same may be read as part of this -- application. Its copy also is herewith enclosed.

7. It is therefore requested that a full and exhaustive consideration may be bestowed on these applications by the Department and the Govern-

Government and suitable orders passed in the interest of Harijan Girls.

Thanking in anticipation and hoping that the cry of the mute --- Harijan girls will have full sympathy of the labour department and the Government.

Panchama Girls' Hostel,
BELLARY,
Dated 25-11-1937.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Yours sincerely,

M. Satyavanthlad (Organiser)
or M. Shanta Bai, (Secretary)

Dev. Dept.

Des - Bellary - Panchama Girls' hostel - Refund of amount deducted from grant for 1935-36 - Transfer to Govt. Control

Cons 5796-10/37 : From the Cgl A-6/No 4611/37 dy 9.12.37

Please see the Commissioners' letter on pp. 1-2 C.F. The questions for consideration are one

(1) Refund of the sum of Rs. 92 deducted from the grant for 1935-36 for the Panchama Girls' hostel, Bellary dt.,

(2) Transfer of the hostel to Govt. Control.

As regards (1), the grant paid to the hostel in 1935-36 for the maintenance of 10 d.c. girls was Rs. 400. The Secy. of the hostel stated in her petn dy 12.10.37 that a sum of Rs. 92 was deducted from this on account of the closure of the hostel due to plague, though it was kept open in the summer vacation to make up for the loss after making arrangements for private tuition, and she requested refund of this sum. The Comr reports that the sum of Rs 92 was recovered in accordance with the conditions governing the grant for the

hostel.

From para 1 of the Commissioners' letter on p. 24 of G.O. 2668 Dev. dy 21.12.37, it will be found that the actual cost of boarding and lodging in the hostel is less than the rate of Rs. 4 per girl per mensem at which the Govt. grant is made. Calculating at the rate of Rs. 4 per girl for 10 girls, the shortage of grant works out to is for a period of 2 months 9 days, during which the school was apparently closed on account of plague. The grant however related to 1935-36 ~~It is however~~ and it is for consideration whether after this lapse of time the question of refund should be considered.

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Please see the orders on p. 2 ante.
A draft order is submitted for approval

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SUBJECT:— D.Cs - Bellary - Panchama Girls' hostel - Grant - Deduction - Refund - Transfer of hostel to Govt. Control - ~~not accepted~~ negatived.

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READ AGAIN Gr 2668 Dev, dated 2-12-1937.

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READ *ALSO*:—

No. 5796-IV/37 From the C.G.L. A.6 No. 4611/37, dated 9-12-1937.

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~~Order~~ ~~Ms.~~ ~~Resolution~~ ~~Rout.~~ No. 123, dated 11.1.1938

The Govt. are unable to sanction the refund of the sum of Rs. 92 deducted from the grant for 1935-36 for the Panchama Girls' hostel, Bellary district, or the transfer of the hostel to ~~Govt~~ the Control of the C.G.L.

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The C.G.L.

The Secy, Panchama Girls' hostel, Bellary.

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